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SUBJ: VISIT OF FORMER ASTRONAUT JAMES IRWIN TO KUWAIT JAN 7-9

1. UNDER SPONSORSHIP KUWAIT GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, IRWIN SPOKE AND NARRATED APOLLO 15 FLIGHT FILM TO ALMOST ENTIRELY ARAB AUDIENCE OF SOME 500 AT KUWAIT UNIVERSITY ON JAN 8. PRESENTATION, WHICH WAS MIXTURE OF SCIENCE ON POPULAR LEVEL AND NON SECTARIAN QUESTIONS AND LATER CROWDED AROUND STAGE TO SEE MOONROCK AND GET AUTOGRAPHS. HEAD OF GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY AND IRWIN PLEASED BY RESPONSE.

2. IRWIN ATTENDED PRESS LUNCHEON AT GM MIDEAST MOTORAMA WHERE HE GAVE IMPROMPTU SPEECH AND THEN EXPLAINED ROVER, WHICH WAS PART OF DISPLAY, TO NEWSMEN. EVENT WELL COVERED IN PRESS, WHICH GRATIFIED BOTH GM AND IRWIN.

3. AMIR WAS ILL AT TIME PLANNED PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE BEARING KUWAIT FLAG AND CROWN PRINCE ALSO WAS NOT AVAILABLE, SO PRESENTATION WAS NOT MADE. DESPITE THIS DISAPPOINTMENT, VISIT WENT WELL AND WAS PLUS FOR U.S. KUWAITIS RESPECTED IRWIN'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO HIS ENTHUSIASM AND WARM PERSONALITY.

4. IN ACCORDANCE HIGH FLIGHT WISHES, USIS STAYED IN BACKGROUND  
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BUT ADVISED IRWIN GROUP ON PROGRAM AND PUT IT IN TOUCH WITH

SPONSORING GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. USIS WAS GO-BETWEEN  
ON IRWIN APPEARANCE AT MOTORAMA.  
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